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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR US WA
SUBJECT: FIRST MAPUTO MEETING OF FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF UNSC

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITISH, CANADIAN, FRENCH, GERMAN
AND U.S. DELEGATIONS MET AT AMBASSADOR DE PREE'S RESI-
DENCE AT 0800 THIS MORNING PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE SECOND
DAY OF THE CONFERENCE. WE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO MEET AT
SAME TIME AND PLACE EACH DAY OF CONFERENCE.

2. THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT AT FIRST DAY'S SESSION AGREED
THAT TONE WAS RELATIVELY MODERATE. MACHEL'S SPEECH WAS
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EXPECIALLY GOOD IN THIS REGARD, AND NUJOMA'S WAS MUCH
LESS STRIDENT THAN EXPECTED. NO ONE CALLED FOR ABSOLUTE
FORECLOSURES ON FURTHER EFFORTS FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLE-
MENTS, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE ALL MADE POINT THAT THE ARMED
STRUGGLE MUST CONTINUE.

3. AT THIS POINT, THERE IS NO DRAFT DECLARATION. WE ARE

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INFORMED THAT SALIM, TANZANIAN UN AMBASSADOR, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, SCRAPPED THE DRAFT THAT EXISTED AND THAT DRAFTING COMMITTEE IS STARTING FROM SCRATCH.

4. THE FIVE AGREED THAT OUR MINIMUM OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO AVOID ANY RESULT STEMMING FROM THIS CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD CLOSE OFF THE PATH TO NEGOTIATIONS. MAXIMUM OBJECTIVE, WHICH WE ALL REALIZE IS UNLIKELY TO ATTAINMENT, WOULD BE TO WIN ENDORSEMENT OF THE INITIATIVES IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. EVEN IF THIS IS ACHIEVABLE, IT CANNOT BE DONE ON THE BASIS OF OUR ACCPETING THE DECLARATION AS A WHOLE, FOR IT SURELY WILL INCLUDE UNACCEPTABLE PROVISIONS (E.G., ENDORSEMENT OF ARMED STRUGGLE).

5. THE CANADIANS STILL FAVOR THE IDEA OF NEGOTIATING ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE DECLARATIONS. THE REST OF US PREFER QUIETLY TO MAKE OUR POSITION ON ISSUES KNOWN TO KEY INDIVIDUALS AND DELEGATIONS. IN ANY EVENT, SINCE NO DRAFT DECLARATION YET EXISTS, WE NEED TAKE NO ACTION NOW ON THIS MATTER.
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